

Public Notice – TMDL Modification

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality and associated modifications of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) that will allow the release of industrial wastewater from potable water treatment plant into a water body in Augusta County, Virginia.

First Public Notice Issue Date: April 30, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 30 days following first public notice issue date

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater (Permit No. VA0084212) issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: Augusta County Service Authority - 18 Government Center Lane, PO Box 859, Verona, VA 24482

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Churchville Water Treatment Plant - 356 Buffalo Gap Highway, Churchville, VA 24421

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Augusta County Service Authority has applied for reissuance of the referenced permit. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater from a potable water treatment plant at a rate of 0.14 million gallons per day into Whiskey Creek in Augusta County in the Middle River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: solids, chlorine, bacteria, chloride, and pH.

MODIFICATION OF MIDDLE RIVER TMDL: A total maximum daily load (TMDL) has been developed for bacteria to address recreational use impairment in the Middle River. This TMDL was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency on 8/10/04 and can be found at the following website:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/shenrvr/middle.pdf>. DEQ proposes to modify the wasteload allocation tables in this TMDL to accommodate the increased discharge from this facility. The revised WLA tables would accommodate this

discharger at a permitted design flow of 0.14 mgd and at permitted E. coli concentration of 126 cfu/100ml. This equates to an annual bacteria WLA of 2.44×10^{11} cfu/100ml for this facility.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

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